

**NOTICE TO U.S. FIRST HANDLERS
MANGO BOARD
FIRST HANDLER NOMINATIONS**

October 15, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking nominations from mango first handlers to fill one member seat on the new Mango Board (Board). The Board will be responsible for implementing the recently approved Mango Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order) (7 CFR Part 1206).

According to the Order, in order to be eligible to serve on the Board as a first handler, a person (excluding a common or contract carrier) must receive 500,000 or more pounds of mangos from producers in a calendar year and who as owner, agent, or otherwise ships or causes mangos to be shipped.

As a mango first handler, you qualify to nominate yourself or someone else for the first handler position on the board in the forthcoming election. If you are interested in serving, please complete and return the enclosed nomination/certification form. If you would like to nominate someone else, you will need to obtain a completed form from the other person certifying that he or she meets the eligibility requirements, is willing to be nominated, and if appointed, to serve on the Board. If you are nominating more than one person, please make copies of the form or contact us for additional forms.

Once eligible first handlers have been identified, a ballot will be prepared and mailed to all first handlers to determine whose names will be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary). Two names are needed for each position (a total of 2). The Secretary will then appoint a first handler member to serve on the Board.

Nominations must be received by USDA no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, November 15, 2004. Nominations received after that date will not be placed on the election ballot.

Enclosures:

First Handler Nomination & Certificate Statement

Roles and Responsibilities of Mango Board members

**MANGO BOARD
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&
CERTIFICATE STATEMENT**

I certify that I am a U.S. first handler of 500,000 pounds or more of fresh mangos and I handled mangos between September 4, 2003 and October 4, 2004.

Print Name:_____

Signature:_____

Mailing Address:_____

City:_____ **State:**____ **Zip Code:**_____

Business Telephone Number:_____ **Fax:** _____

Nominated by:_____

Mailing Address:_____

City:_____ **State:**____ **Zip Code:**_____

Business Telephone Number:_____ **Fax:** _____

Submission of Nomination to USDA

Once you have completed and signed your nomination and certification statement, mail or fax it to USDA. Incomplete or unsigned information will not be accepted. If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Jeanette Palmer or Margaret Irby at 1-888-720-9917.

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Mail to: U.S. Department of Agriculture
AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs
Research and Promotion Branch
Mango Nominations
1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 2535-S
Washington, DC 20250-0244

Fax: (202) 205-2800

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USDA's policy that membership on industry-governed boards accurately reflects the diversity of individuals served by the programs. USDA encourages all eligible women, minorities, and persons with disabilities to be nominated for a seat on the Mango Board and if appointed, to serve and participate in Board activities.